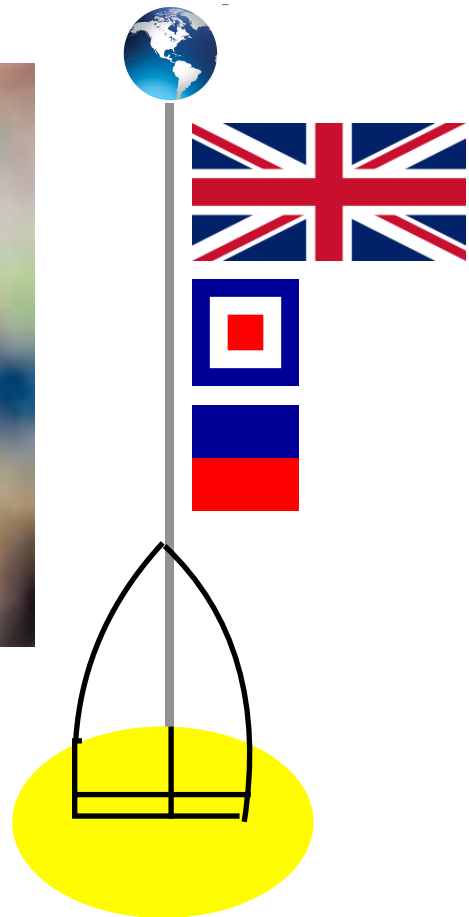


Saving Our Home On Our Blue Planet

The QUEEN

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**How One Woman “Coach Can Make History -
Working Together With Parliament and the People**



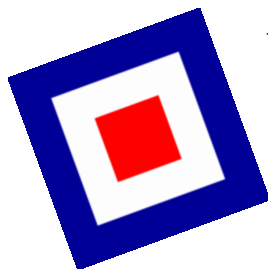
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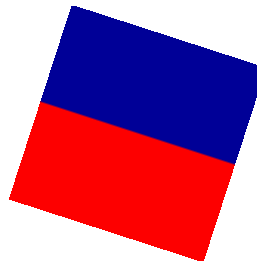


WE Have An Emergency

WE Are Changing Course



WE



WE Need Our Leaders With Us

WE raise and “strike” on all days,
Three flags which say it all,
How our Blue Planet’s in danger,
And WE must change our course.
WE need “Our Lizbeth” with us,
On board and paddling hard,
If WE’re to change the climate,
And save all life from harm.

WE raise and “strike” on all days,
So leaders of our lands,
Will listen to the children,
And clap them with their hands
So now on one and all days,
Until our planet’s safe,
WE raise and “strike”, WE raise and “strike”,
Three flags which say it all.

David Train 30th April 2019 mod. January 30th 2021

“KISS”

Keep it Simple Stupid. American Navy Design Principle 1960

If the Queen, in discussion with Boris, and with the support of us all, raises the two sea signalling flags for **WE** under the Union Flag on the flagpole of Buckingham, that **WE** have used for many years on the bow of our bell boats, it will set the world on a new course to “Save Our Home On Our Blue Planet”. It will save millions, indeed billions of lives this century. It is that simple. **KISS!**



That's all it needs. KISS!

A Birthday Message to The Queen

Creating A Story of Hope for Humanity

Dear Ma'am,

"If ideas are developed in advance then sometimes they are grasped by people searching for a path in a short term crisis."

Jean Monnet. Father of the EU

"Give us the tools and we will finish the job."

Churchill to Roosevelt 1941

"Without swift and immediate action, at an unprecedented pace and scale, we will miss the opportunity to 'reset for..a more sustainable and inclusive future.'"

Prince Charles. Climate Week. September 21st 2020

Today it is my eighty-third birthday. I woke up thinking about which world leader I should write to today, to help me to reach the finishing line, in my twenty six year marathon race, of inspiring all on board and working together to tackle the climate and biodiversity crises - before I die.

My first birthday greeting came from my German paddlesport friends, Manfred and Brigitte, who live in Coburg, where Prince Albert of Saxe Coburg Gotha was born. My mind leapt to Coburg, to Queen Victoria and Prince Albert, and I realised that the world leader I should write to was you. Whilst having had my first job and hoping that I will last a little longer, with death in the news every minute of the day, I am very aware how any one of us, at our age, at any time, faces the knock on the door of the grim reaper.

Eight years ago, on 12th May, in Harold Macmillan's Stockton-on-Tees, my mother, my two sisters and I missed death by a few parts of a second when a bomb dropped on the houses across the back street killing five people, including one a small baby. They were five of the seventy thousand civilians who died in WW2. Today, we have already lost over one hundred thousand civilians in our fight against the natural world. That same night my German friend Manfred, then, like me, a three year old, escaped death when British bombers attacked his home town of Bremen. We have both lived to tell the story and both lived long enough to do all that we can to see it does not happen to others.

Today we are in a wartime situation, this time a war with nature, brought about by ourselves. In the last few weeks the BBC have been showing David Attenborough's, "The Perfect Planet". David ended the "Weather" episode, with the words, "On our current course we are heading for a five degrees rise in temperature before the end of this century".

If that is allowed to happen it will create hell on earth. It will mean the end of most humans and other life on our planet, with billions of premature deaths, including our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. It will be the end of life as we know it, the end of the Monarchy and our system of government, as well as the end of the many different

systems of government that have evolved across our Blue Planet. It is frightening to think of the carnage our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren will face, and in less than the years that we have lived. It could lead to despair, but I have hope, for I believe that you are the one woman “coach” in the world who can prevent it - with the help Boris, Prince Charles, Parliament and WE the people. If you act now.

In 1941, as you, I and our families sheltered from the bombs, our family in a two up, two down house and your family in Buckingham Palace, Churchill was pleading with President Roosevelt, using the BBC, to roar out across the Atlantic “Give us the tools and we will finish the job”.

Today, the world’s leaders need a different set of tools if our families across our planet are not to once more face the horror of a hard war. We need to use all the creativity we have to produce the soft power tools that will bring all the world’s leaders on board and working together to “Save Our Home On Our Blue Planet”, that thin strip of the biosphere that we live in with the rest of life, which we depend on to keep it fit for us all to live in.

For the last twenty six years WE in Worcestershire have been working on a set of soft power tools to bring all the leaders of the world and their people on board and working together to tackle the climate and biodiversity crises, using sport, culture and heritage. It has been a marathon voyage but the “tools” are now tried, tested and ready to be used to accelerate the Green Industrial Revolution across our Blue Planet, just as the steam engine and the Stockton - Darlington Railway accelerated the speed of the Industrial Revolution across the world.

President Joe Biden and President Xi Jinping who lead the United States of America and China, are both committed to taking part in the Green Industrial Revolution, but they need our help and you, above all, are in pole position to give them the tools to do the job.

At this unprecedented moment in history President Biden and President Xi, and many other world leaders share the same common purpose of “Saving Our Home On Our Blue Planet”. Sadly, history shows all could change at any moment, depending on who the world leaders are at the time and, this being a revolution that will last for decades, all could be lost unless we act NOW! As John Kerry has said this week WE have one last chance at COP26 in Glasgow in November and it is the same for COP15 in China in May.

At this unprecedented moment in history, if you seize the opportunity and, “with swift and immediate action, at an unprecedented scale and pace”, make President Biden and President Xi, the Commonwealth and all world leaders, aware of the tools that we have developed in heart of the United Kingdom, I am sure they will grasp them with great joy as they search for a path forward, at this time of existential crisis.

So what do you have to do to signal this to the whole world and make sure all the world’s leaders sit up and take notice? It is simplicity itself. All you have to do, as a first step, “with swift and immediate action, at an unprecedented pace and scale”, is raise the two sea signalling flags for WE under the Union Flag on the flagpole of Buckingham Palace. **KISS!**

Whilst the flags will immediately send out the message **WE** the people of the United Kingdom, they also have other meanings. The **W** as a single flag means “Urgent Medical Attention Needed”. The **E** means changing course to starboard-the rule on water to avoid a collision and I was recently told that, flown together at sea, they mean “Icebreaker at work, opening up a passage”.

In the Oxford English dictionary, “Icebreaker” is defined as “something that serves to relieve inhibitions, starting a conversation”, as I am indeed using it with you. The whole of humanity now needs to start a conversation, using stories from all our different heritages to create a new story about how **WE**, working together, set out to “Save Our Home On Our Blue Planet”. **WE** need an “Icebreaker” and you have the means to create it get it to the world.

That story will start the moment you raise those three flags on Buckingham Palace, sending a huge and powerful signal across our planet that **WE the people and leaders of the United Kingdom, know that WE Have An Emergency and WE Are Changing Course to Avoid A Catastrophe**. It will be the “Icebreaker” to start a conversation and story that will reach down to the very youngest, the very oldest member and all the members of the human race.

All the people of the world will start the conversation and be inspired to back their leaders as we go forward to the G7 in Cornwall, COP15 in China in May and COP26 in Glasgow in December. You will do for the “oldies” what Greta Thunberg did for our youngsters, but instead of a message on a piece of cardboard you will be able to fly it from the top of one of greatest and best known landmarks - at a little more cost than the cardboard but without having to sit outside of parliament on a cold and wet pavement.

I realise, that with Parliament being sovereign, you will have to ask our representatives for their support. I am sure that, from across the political divide, all will be delighted to give it and I will immediately write to Boris and the leaders of all the political parties to inspire them to take part. I will also put to Boris all the other ideas, so that he can present them to President Biden and all the other leaders at the G7 meeting in Cornwall, in July, as the first step. Boris has already signed a Paddle for Life, as have all the last five prime ministers and many other British leaders. It is another of our soft power tools, or “Icebreakers”, that **WE** have created, so he is already aware of the first paragraph of the first chapter in the story **WE** are creating. I enclose “The Climate Revolution Tees Valley Working Together” which shows all the “tools”.

I do have one other small request to help us on the last 385 yards to the finish of our marathon. You will know that the extra 385 yards came about because of the start of the Marathon at Windsor Castle at the London 1908 Olympics! In 2000, Adrian Cadbury and John Dudderidge, the founder to the British Canoe Union, both Quakers, gifted two bell boats, another of our soft power “Icebreakers” to the people of Coburg. They were named the “Spirit of Albert” and the “Spirit of Victoria” and Princess Stephanie of Saxe Coburg Gotha launched them and took part in the first race on German waters. The following year, 2001, I was invited to take part in a bell boat regatta, as part of an annual event between the twinned towns of Bedford and Bamberg, which is on the Danube-Main Canal.

I flew out on the 11th September, as the attacks were taking place on the Twin Towers in New York. Bamberg was home to an American military base and the organisers of the regatta considered cancelling the event, but the American leaders at the base insisted that it should go ahead, so as to send a message to the world that they would not be cowed.

Later that week we went to Frankfurt to visit Frankfurt Canoe Club which lies on the River Main below the Peace Bridge. Manfred and I went to the middle of the bridge and talked about what we could do to get a positive message to the world about tackling the problems we face - by working together. Manfred suggested that we should hold a “Main Voyage for Our Blue Planet” from Coburg to Frankfurt as part of the European Environment Week, the following year. Over the next year Manfred, Brigitte and their friends from the Coburg Canoe Club organised the event, a ten day voyage starting from the Prince Albert Statue in the town square of Coburg. They, having done all the hard work, invited me to take part.

Over one thousand paddlers took part including many of the German Olympic canoe squad, as well as children and people from all walks of life. **For the voyage you gave me a letter to read out to the people of Germany.** WE stopped at 21 towns and cities on the voyage and were greeted by the mayors. I made a small speech at each and I read out your letter. It was greatly appreciated by all.

It would greatly help us now if you would do for the British people what you kindly did for the people of Germany by writing me a letter of support that I can use whenever I write to world leaders and whenever I and all the helms and teachers who take the children of the United Kingdom out on their “Main Voyage for Our Home On Our Blue Planet”.

I mentioned my birthday, for I am very aware now that all could be lost if I were to die before I get this message to you. Although I have had my first jab, the Covid virus seems to be a formidable competitor, able to change at a moment's notice. If WE are to out-compete it and the other greater threats now facing us, due to human induced climate change and biodiversity loss, WE will have to change course as swift and deftly as any virus. As Prince Charles put it, “Without swift and immediate action, at an unprecedented pace and scale, we will miss the opportunity to ‘reset for..a more sustainable and inclusive future.’”

I hope that you will, for the sake of humanity, and in the true spirit of the Olympics, take part, in an Olympian's way, “with swift and immediate action , at an unprecedented pace and scale”, by raising the three flags, signalling **WE the United Kingdom** over Buckingham Palace, as soon as you can, after you have discussed it with Boris at your weekly meeting. WE, humanity will all win gold!

My very best wishes,

Good paddling,

David Train.

President Fladbury Paddle Club. Former Olympic coach Los Angeles to Atlanta.

Signalling a Powerful Message to the World Before COP26

The Queen Factor

Message of Hope to Boris

Dear Boris,

“KISS”- Keep It Simple Stupid
American Navy Design Principle 1960

"We cannot let climate action become another victim of coronavirus. Let us be the leaders who secure the very health of the planet for our children, grandchildren and generations to come."

Boris Johnson COP26 Launch 24th September 2020

"Without swift and immediate action, at an unprecedented pace and scale, we will miss the opportunity to 'reset for..a more sustainable and inclusive future.'"

Prince Charles. Climate Week. September 21st 2020

With the coronavirus crisis dominating the airwaves I think that there is a real possibility that climate action will indeed become another victim and COP26 will go the way of earlier conferences and be a failure. Indeed COP26 might yet have to be postponed!

In both cases **WE** need some great and powerful signal to be sent out across the world to focus all the world's leaders on the climate and biodiversity crises, with swift and immediate action, at an unprecedented scale and you are in a position to bring it about, this week, when you speak to the Queen and **KISS** her hand.

I enclose a small booklet which starts with a message to the Queen asking her to raise the two sea signalling two flags for WE under the Union Flag on Buckingham Palace. It will send a signal to all the world that **WE the people and leaders of the United Kingdom, know that WE Have An Emergency and WE Are Changing Course to Avoid A Catastrophe. KISS!**

It really is very simple for I believe that if you and the Queen agree and the Queen raises the three flags, within days Parliament will be on side and, having already agreed WE have an emergency, Speaker Lindsay Hoyle will raise the three flags over Portcullis House. Lord Fowler, Speaker of the House of Lords, who has sole authority as to what flags fly on the Victoria Tower will be delighted to take part, with swift and immediate action and your message will fly out across the London. **KISS!**

Your cabinet will all be aware and, led by you raising the three flags over Downing Street, they will soon have them flying over all government buildings in London. One of those will be the foreign office and the foreign secretary will soon realise that the three flags could be raised on all our embassies across the world. Your message will fly out across the world. within a few weeks. **KISS!**

The centralisation of government in London is often criticised but, in this case, it can be put to good use. I have asked local councils leaders here, in Stockton-on-Tees, in Birmingham, Worcester, Pershore, Wychavon and Bromsgrove to take part, but have been told that the rules on which flags are to be flown are decided by the Community Minister. Despite that, the leader of Bromsgrove Council did agree and so Bromsgrove has the honour of being the first town in the world to take part. Being first can never be taken away!! Now, if your Community Minister sends out a signal to all the councils, your message will be flying throughout England within a few weeks. **KISS!**

I am sure that the Scottish, Welsh and Northern Ireland parliaments will be delighted to fly the two flags under their national flags and the Union Flag. Your message will be flying throughout the United Kingdom, swiftly and with immediate action. **KISS!**

All organisations will be able to take part and the Queen can lead the way. As well as being our head of state, the Queen is head of the Church of England, and the Church of England has many bell towers with flagpoles. Bell towers are designed to be seen and send out a message. In times of war they have been used to warn people in their communities. We are now in a wartime situation and they can be used to send out your message. **KISS!**

WE are not talking some theory. WE in Worcestershire have already DONE IT! Last year the flags were flown on Pershore Abbey-the first church in the world to do so, on Fladbury Church and on Worcester Cathedral, the first cathedral in the world to do so. First can never be taken away!

The flying of the flags on Pershore Abbey provides you with a wonderful story to tell President Biden at the G7. Because of our work I have for some years been in touch with the Director of the Climate Change Communications Centre at George Mason University in Virginia. One day I googled “George Mason”. He was one of the founding fathers of America. I saw that George Mason's great-grandfather had been a Cavalier who, defeated in the English Civil War fled to Virginia. To my delight he was born in Pershore and christened in Pershore Abbey. The font in which he was christened is still there.

Armed with that “Icebreaker”, I met Claire Lording, the dynamic vicar of Pershore Abbey and asked her if it was possible to fly the flags on June 5th, the birthday of George Mason the first. “With swift and immediate action, at an unprecedented pace and scale, she did not miss the opportunity to ‘reset for..a more sustainable and inclusive future.’” Within hours Claire had discussed it with her team, they all agreed and the flags were flown on George Mason’s birthday. I immediately emailed the President of George Mason University. A connection had been made and one day I hope the flags will fly at George Mason University, telling your story. **KISS!**

Each and every town in the UK have their own histories, with connections to every corner of our Blue Planet. Each has a story that can be used to serve this great common cause for the common good of all humanity and all life. By working together WE can not only signal how to do it to all other nations of our planet, but WE can indeed set all on a voyage to “Save Our Home On Our Blue Planet”. Flying the two sea signalling flags are the “Icebreaker” to start the conversation across the world. **KISS!**

Fladbury First School became the first school in the world to raise the flags with Nigel Huddleston, our member of parliament taking part. Now the minister for sport and heritage, WE are trying all that WE can to inspire Nigel, “With swift and immediate action, at an unprecedented pace and scale, not to miss the opportunity to ‘reset for..a more sustainable and inclusive future” and get the message to you. **KISS!**

Worcester University became the first in the world to raise the flags, so from our primary schools to our universities WE have shown the way. If the Queen flies the flags now your message can be flying across all the university campuses within weeks. **KISS!**

If WE the people of the United Kingdom work together with the Queen, our Parliament and organisations across our country WE can get your message out to all on our Blue Planet. All it needs is for you, “With swift and immediate action, at an unprecedented pace and scale, not miss the opportunity to ‘reset for..a more sustainable and inclusive future” by having a word with the Queen at your next weekly meeting. **KISS!**

With that done WE can show the leaders of the G7 all these British invented, tools to help them finish the job of “Saving Our Home On Our Blue Planet” in Cornwall in July. Then, on to showing them to the world in Glasgow at COP26. **KISS!**

I hope that you will, for the sake of humanity, and in the true spirit of the Olympics, take part, in an Olympian’s way, “with swift and immediate action , at an unprecedented pace and scale”, by inspiring the Queen to raise the three flags, signalling **WE the United Kingdom** over Buckingham Palace. The rest will follow. WE, humanity will all win gold!

My very best wishes,

Good paddling,

David Train.

President Fladbury Paddle Club. Former Olympic coach Los Angeles to Atlanta.

PS. I enclose “The Climate Revolution-Tees Valley Working Together”. In it you will see yourself and many other leaders, with a Paddle for Life.

You will also see details of my visit to China and America. I would point out the visit to Penglai where I spoke to 150 future world leaders. It took place on the beach. It was a huge success and a model for what you could do on the beach in Cornwall at the G7 in July. Children, with the Paddles for Life that the have painted, brightly coloured bell boats with all the flags flying make a wonderful photo shoot. The G7 leaders will love it. Then the same can be repeated at COP26 in Glasgow, with a flotilla of boats and children, after they have paddled there via the Union Canal.

The Queen Factor

Message of Hope to Prince Charles

Dear Prince Charles,

“The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results’.

Albert Einstein

Despite many conferences, thousands of books and articles, films and warning by our scientists, our Blue Planet continues to heat up. As David Attenborough has said, unless we act now we are heading for a five degree rise by the end of this century. It seems at times we humans are insane.

WE need to try something different to wake the world up. The Queen, your mother, has an opportunity to do so with swift and immediate action, at an unprecedented pace and scale.

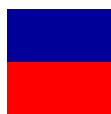
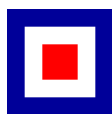
I hope that “with swift and immediate action, at an unprecedented pace and scale, you will not miss the opportunity to ‘reset for..a more sustainable and inclusive future” by inspiring your mother to discuss the ideas with Boris.

If you and Boris “working together” inspire your mother to take part, you will ensure a more secure future for all our families. WE, humanity, will all win gold!

My very best wishes,

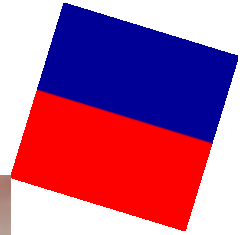
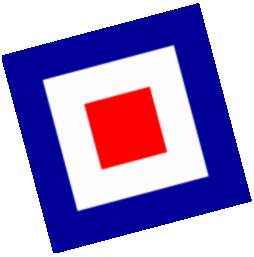
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David Train



Saving Our Home On Our Blue Planet

The Queen Factor



“WE”

In his book on “The Churchill Factor”, Boris Johnson says of Churchill, “He is the resounding human rebuttal to all Marxist historians who think history is the story of vast and impersonal economic forces. The point is that one man can make all the difference.”

The point now is that one woman, The Queen and smiling face of the United Kingdom - Working Together With Parliament and the People Can Change the Course of World History - as “coach” of Team Global Britain.

The task for all who love life is simple. Inspire “The Queen - Our Lizbeth” , in the true spirit of the Olympics, to “Take Part” in the creation of the story. By COP26, WE, humanity will all win gold!

**David Train
President Fladbury Paddle Club
Former Olympic Coach**